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REMARKS

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow currently pending claims 37 -43 and 46-47 and 49-72.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner for allowing claims 56-64 and 66-72 in the Advisory Action.

In the above amendments, Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the element of Claim 48, and Claim 48 has been correspondingly canceled. In addition, Claims 49 to 51 have been amended to depend on Claim 37 instead of Claim 48, in view of the cancellation of Claim 48. Furthermore, Claims 47 and 65 have been amended to remove objected to phrasology. As none of the amendments introduces new matter and the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance, their entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claims 47 and 65 have been amended to overcome the asserted 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph issues.

Claims 37-43 and 52-53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C §102(c) as being anticipated by Burns et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,048,734). In view of the incorporation of the element of Claim 48 into Claim 37, this rejection may be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

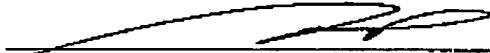
Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Mike Beck at (650) 485-3864.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

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